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1. WE NOTE FROM REF A THAT UK AND FRG NOW SUPPORT
US POSITION THAT IT IS UNNECESSARY AND UNWISE TO
PUT THE EAST ON NOTICE THAT ALLIES WILL SEEK
UNDERSTANDING ON PRECISE NUMERICAL LEVEL OF
COMMON CEILING IN PHASE I, AT LEAST UNTIL
COUNCIL HAS DETERMINED WHAT THAT PRECISE LEVEL
SHOULD BE.

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2. OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH NETHERLANDS REP HERE

(DE VOS) LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT PRESENT NETHERLANDS POSITION ON THIS POINT IS NOT FIRM, AND THAT DUTCH MAY FALL OFF REQUIRING ADDITION OF SENTENCE TO PARA 1 OF THE GUIDANCE PUTTING EAST ON NOTICE AT AN EARLY POINT THAT ALLIES WILL REQUIRE UNDERSTANDING ON PRECISE NUMERICAL LEVEL OF COMMON CEILING. (DE VOS BELIEVES THAT POSITION ADOPTED BY NETHERLANDS DELEGATION IN BRUSSELS IS A MISTAKE AND PLANS TO CABLE THE HAGUE TO THAT EFFECT NOV. 12).

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE BELIEVE THAT UK SUGGESTION REPORTED IN PARA 4 OF REF A ("AND SUBJECT TO LATER COUNCIL GUIDANCE ON THE PRECISE LEVEL TO BE SOUGHT") IS HELPFUL CLARIFICATION, AND RECOMMEND THAT IT BE ADOPTED.

4. WE WOULD SUGGEST, REGARDING LANGUAGE IN PARA 6 OF REF B, THAT THIS LANGUAGE BE WITHHELD AT LEAST FOR ONE MORE SPC SESSION, TO SEE WHETHER DUTCH ARE WILLING TO FALL OFF THEIR CURRENT POSITION. WHILE BELGIANS NOW SUPPORT CURRENT DUTCH POSITION, THEY MAY ALSO BE WILLING TO FALL OFF IT ISOLATED. RESOR

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